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SUBJECT: VISIT BY WOLA REPRESENTATIVE - JO MARIE
GRIESGRABER.
REF: TELCONS LANDAU-GRAHAM, 8/10/77; PEZZULLO-GRAHAM,8/11/77

1. JO MARIE GRIESGRABER, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WASHINGTON
OFFICE FOR LATIN AMERICA (WOLA), WILL VISIT MONTEVIDEO,
BUENOS AIRES AND ASUNCION DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST 22-31.
WOLA IS AN ORGANIZATION FORMED IN 1974 OUT OF THE LATIN
AMERICA STRATEGY COMMITTEE, WHICH ITSELF WAS FORMED IN
1970 BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, NATIONAL CATHOLIC
CONFERENCE, B'NAI B'RITH, FRIENDS, MENNONITES AND
OTHER CHURCHES. MS GRIESGRABER IS A CATHOLIC NUN SERVING
FULL TIME WITH WOLA.

2. APPOINTMENTS IN MONTEVIDEO HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR MS.
GREISGRABER BY JUAN FERREIRA WITH MEMBERS OF THE BANNED
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SOCIALIST, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT AND OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES.
ALSO WITH THE BISHOP OF MONTEVIDEO.

3. AT SOME POINT DURING HER STAY IN MONTEVIDEO, MS.
GREISGRABER WILL GO TO BUENOS AIRES. SHE IS NOT SURE HOW
LONG SHE WILL REMAIN IN B.A., NOR DID SHE HAVE READILY
AVAILABLE THE NAMES OF PERSONS SHE WILL CONTACT.

SPEAKING FRANKLY, MS. GREISGRABER SAID THAT THE LENGTH OF HER B.A. STAY WILL DEPEND ENTIRELY UPON HOW "COMFORTABLE" SHE FEELS. IF SHE BECOMES NERVOUS, SHE PLANS TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.

4. SHE WILL ARRIVE IN ASUNCION AT 1215 ON AUGUST 30 FROM MONTEVIDEO, DEPARTING FOR THE U.S. THE NEXT MORNING AT 0900. MS. GREISGRABER PLANS TO MEET WITH THE CHURCH COMMITTEE FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND, TIME PERMITTING, OPPOSITION PARTY OFFICIALS. IN VIEW OF HER SHORT SCHEDULE IN ASUNCION, THE EMBASSY MIGHT CONSIDER MEETING AND ASSISTING.

5. MS. GREISGRABER WAS ADVISED THAT THE EMBASSIES ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST HER AS APPROPRIATE AND WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF HER AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION. SHE INDICATED THAT SHE WOULD BE CONTACTING THE EMBASSIES AT EACH STOP.

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